Lecture-demonstration on Carnatic music by renowned guitarist Prasanna

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Saturday, June 18, 7:30 PM Visual & Performing Arts Bldg. Gr. VI, Rm 153

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Carnatic music, the ancient classical music of South India, is one of the oldest and richest music forms in the world and is strongly tied into Hindu philosophy, the Vedas, Upanishads and other scriptures. The master composers in Carnatic music like Tyagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar and Syama Sastry explored complex philosophical aspects of the Hindu scriptures into their lyrics and the musical structures.

Prasanna is the only world renowned performer of traditional Carnatic music on the modern electric guitar. In this presentation, Prasanna will introduce upon the important aspects of this music including some chosen ragas, talas and compositions. He will touch upon the spiritual aspects of the compositions and will also demonstrate the different 'rasas' of the different ragas, with particular emphasis on the meditative aspects and healing nature of some of the pristine carnatic ragas.

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